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Local Brevities.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday granted a marriage license to Aron Roni and Lizzie Maikelson, both of Clatsop county.

The collection of taxes on the 1903 roll commenced yesterday. The deputy sheriffs made excellent progress for the opening day and a large sum of money was taken in.

Seventy-six new names were added to The Astorian's subscription lists last week. Of the new subscribers more than one-half live in Alderbrook, the east end suburb.

The statement that members of the county court had gone to Portland to confer with Architect Lazarus, Friday night, was erroneous. The trip will be made next Friday.

The following persons yesterday declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States: Hugh Mc-

Donald, a native of Scotland; John Carlsson and Matt Wahlquist, natives of Finland.

Word from the mouth of the river received in the city last evening, has it that the dredge put in part of the day at work on the bar. The Chinook also operated on Saturday. The results of the work can not be obtained at this time.

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Two hundred persons attended the annual ball of the Native Daughters of Oregon at Ford & Stokes' hall last night. The immense pavilion had been decorated with rare taste, and the ball room presented a magnificent spectacle as many beautifully gowned women executed the figures of the dances. The crowd was not large enough to cramp

the dancers, who enjoyed the function more than any other event of the kind held in Astoria in years.

George, the 7-year-old son of Mrs. Rudolph Larson died at St. Mary's hospital on Sunday as the result of complications following an operation for appendicitis. The funeral will be held at 12:30 this afternoon from Grace church, and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

The funeral of the late Burr Osburn was held Sunday and was attended by scores of friends of the family. Services were held at Grace church and the body was laid to rest in Greenwood. The pall bearers were George W. Barker, Walter Sinnott, Charles E. Gray, Wilson Stine, W. F. Gratke and M. E. Masterson.

City Physician Pilkington reports that there is now but one case of scarlet fever in the city. Eight houses, containing 12 cases, are under quarantine for measles. Of these two, with six cases, will be released from quarantine today. There was one death from diphtheria during the week, and precautions were taken to prevent contagion.

The annual meeting of the Astoria Savings bank was held yesterday, at which the following directors were elected: J. Q. A. Bowly, O. I. Peterson, W. O. Wilkenson, J. W. Garner and Frank Patton. The organization of the board resulted in the election of J. Q. A. Bowly for president, O. I. Peterson for vice-president, Frank Patton cashier, and J. W. Garner, assistant cashier. The affairs of the bank were found to be in excellent condition, business having doubled during the past year.

Louis Striplich was up before Police Judge Anderson yesterday to answer to a charge of drunkenness. Striplich is a logger. He stays in the woods until he accumulates \$150 or thereabouts and then comes to town, where he remains until the money is gone. Of course, he invests largely in liquors and during his visits becomes more or less a nuisance. He had been in jail two days, so Judge Anderson turned him loose, with the promise that he would get the full extent of the law if he appeared again in the police court.

News of the loss of the American schooner Alcaide, Captain Harris, was received here last night in a brief telegram from Lloyds' sub-agent at Hoquiam, Wash. The vessel went ashore or Damon's spit yesterday afternoon and the sub-agent reports that she will be a total loss. The Alcaide carried a cargo of lumber and was bound from Grays harbor for Manila. Damon's spit, the point where she was wrecked, is to the north of the entrance to Gray's harbor. The schooner was caught in the current and carried onto the beach, where the heavy rollers made short work of her. Captain Harris and the members of his crew succeeded in reaching shore in safety. The Alcaide was a vessel of 282 tons net register, and was owned by A. Anderson & Co., of San Francisco. She had a cargo of selected lumber.

Judge McBride arrived in the city yesterday and convened the circuit court in regular session. During the day the following criminal cases were brought before the court: State vs. Anton Kuljus, set for trial February 23; state vs. Dr. Rosenberg, set for trial February 24; state vs. Arthur Scoggin, set for trial February 25. Charles Clement was arraigned on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and given until today to enter his plea. The court appointed Charles H. Abercrombie to defend the man. The case of Sophia McCormick vs. John McCormick was dismissed. This was an action for divorce and the defendant died while the case was pending. A number of other orders were handed down, and Judge McBride excused the following jurors for the term: Ralph Hall, David Tweedle, J. W. Conn, H. A. Irving, Ardie Strom, P. C. Warren and John Selnes.

It was learned yesterday that J. R. Dunsmore and his nephew, a young man by the name of Greenwood, who have been missing from Warrenton since last Tuesday, are safe and sound on Sand island. The two men left Warrenton in a large sail boat for the Washington shore on a timber cruise, their intention being to return the following Thursday. In view of their non-appearance and the terrible storm that prevailed the day they were thought to be on the river, their relatives and friends became greatly alarmed, and Sunday a launch went out to look for them. It was subsequently learned that Mr. Dunsmore and his young companion landed on the sheltered side of Sand island, this course being decided on because of the fierce wind that raged. Their absence occasioned a great deal of worry, and

their return to their homes will be marked by general rejoicing.

Robert Wherry, a well known resident of Elsie, is in the city, on a business trip. Mr. Wherry reports that there are 17 or 18 inches of snow on the Summit, the divide between northern Clatsop county and the Nehalem country, but that the roads are in fairly good condition. In speaking of the hop industry in this county, Mr. Wherry said the output last season was about 200 bales, each of the weight of 200 pounds. Four hop yards were conducted, the operators being Gus Gronnell, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Warnstrom and R. M. Wooden. Mr. Johnson, whose yard is near Vesper grew about half the total yield. "Hop growing might be more extensively engaged in here were it not for the scarcity of pickers," said Mr. Wherry. "The season or picking is very short, not more than a week or 10 days, and as the fields are quite a distance from the city it is difficult to secure pickers. The industry could be made a very large one were it not for this obstacle." Mr. Wherry will be in town for a few days.

According to the story related by Street Superintendent Kearney at last night's meeting of the council, there came nearly being bloodshed in the peaceful east end some time ago over the Adair drain. Mr. Kearney related the incident during one of his interesting speeches. It appears that there was great objection to the manner in which the drain was installed, and some of the indignant property owners threatened to take the life of any one who attempted to carry out the instructions of the council. Mr. Kearney confessed that he himself felt pretty much like killing some one over the matter, but thought better of it. There was a more strenuous east ender, however, and he declared he would have the life blood of the first individual who ruined his property by putting in the drain according to specifications. The drain is again out of business and the street committee has been empowered to make repairs. Mr. Kearney will superintend the work. The street superintendent is making a reputation for himself as an orator and his addresses are attentively listened to by members of the council and other habitués of the city hall. He is likewise earning a name for himself as an efficient street superintendent.

Chinatown is a blaze of glory and the residents of that portion of the city have given up their entire time to observance of the New Year season. The fireworks commenced Sunday night, when shortly after midnight the first steps were taken to frighten away the evil spirit. Yesterday afternoon large crowds of white people thronged Chinatown and the Celestials showed them every courtesy, making presents of Chinese sweetmeats and other such stuff. One of the remarkable features of this year's celebration is the handsome appearance of the Chinese children. There are 20 or 25 little tots in Chinatown and yesterday they were to be seen parading the streets, going from one store to another to pay their juvenile respects. The children were attired in very attractive costumes, and one little girl, whose appearance plainly indicated that she is a white child, was very much admired. She wore a most elaborate Chinese dress and everyone who visited Chinatown stopped to admire the girl. It will be recalled that a white child was said to have been in the possession of a Chinese family in Chinatown and some months ago there was an effort to find the little one. She was kept out of sight and the search of the authorities was futile. Whether or not the little girl seen yesterday in Chinatown is of Caucasian parentage could not be positively determined, but those who saw her were firmly of the belief that no Chinese blood coursed through her tiny veins. Her eyes are not of the usual Chinese shape and her skin is pure white.

Wealthy People Robbed.

New York, Feb. 15.—Robberies of wealthy visitors to the Riviera are rife and apparently are the work of a daring band of well organized thieves, says a dispatch to the American from Monteno, France. A wealthy American widow reports having been robbed at her hotel of jewels valued at \$20,000. An English woman on her way back from Monte Carlo lost \$2000, which she had won from the bank.

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